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Thoughts?

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From: **Eilperin, Juliet** <Juliet.Eilperin@washpost.com>

Dear All,

I am working on a story that I intend to turn around today, about Energy Fuels Resources (USA) Inc.'s lobbying campaign to reduce the boundaries of Bears Ears National Monument. The piece will look at the firm's decision to hire lobbyists from Faegre Baker Daniels, including Andrew Wheeler (who is now EPA's deputy secretary), former Rep. Mary Bono, and Darrin Munoz. These lobbyists, along with the firm's president, met with DOI's Downey Magallanes and Vincent Devito to discuss the issue on July 17th, and the firm submitted two letters for the record explaining that they worried that the monument's large boundaries would affect both their mill's existing and future operations, as well as the company's ability to access uranium deposits that lay beneath the land that was part of the monument Obama established in December 2016.

I can always quote the Secretary's comments from earlier this week, in which he said that energy, and mining specifically, was not a factor in his decision making in the monument review, but I would welcome any additional comments you'd like to make. I can be reached at my office, via email, or if I'm not at my desk, my cell.

Thanks,

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